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Paul,

The BLM has looked at the reclamation efforts for the Diamond K Gypsum Mine and we recommend that the bond for areas B1 and B2 be returned to the claimant as they have a significant amount of perennial seeded species that have taken hold and are returning the site to a more natural condition. However sites C1 and C2 need to be reseeded again; less than half of the two sites even shows signs of seeded species germinating. One item of concern is the direction of the drill rows, they all ran up hill. This creates a situation where any water that the site receives runs away from the seed. The sites need to be drilled in a cross slope manner, this will trap any water within the drill rows and create microsites for the seeded species to germinate and gain a hold. Both C1 and C2 are covered thickly in annual weeds, with any disturbance these species will continue to show up, and will only diminish once the perennial seeded species gain a stronger foot hold on the sites. Therefore the BLM recommends that the bond for areas B1 and B2 be release and the bond for areas C1 and C2 be held until sufficient vegetation has established that will ensure that the sites will return to a more natural state. If you have any questions on this issue feel free to contact me at any time.

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